



Winter 2002
COMMENCEMENT



MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE COLLEGE

Thirty-ninth Commencement

10 O'Clock • Saturday • December 14, 2002

Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

Processional. "Pomp and Circumstance"	Elgar <i>Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble</i>
Invocation	Reverend Henry M. Pullum, Sr. <i>Calvary Baptist Church</i>
Welcome and Introductions	Julio S. León <i>President, Missouri Southern State College</i>
Address	Gary Nodler <i>Missouri State Senator Elect</i>
Presentation of Class	J Larry Martin <i>Vice President for Academic Affairs Missouri Southern State College</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Julio S. León
Presentation of Diplomas	J Larry Martin
Remarks	Paul Teverow <i>President, Faculty Senate</i>
Announcement of Academic Honors	J Larry Martin
Benediction	Reverend Henry M. Pullum, Sr.
Recessional "Sine Nomine"	R. V Williams & E. Rosenberg <i>Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble</i>
Signer (for deaf)	Lewis Meyer

Please remain seated until recessional is completed.



About the Speaker

Gary Nodler has had a distinguished career in the federal government working with Presidents, Senators and U.S. Representatives. A 1978 graduate of Missouri Southern State College with a B.A. in Political Science, Mr Nodler was elected in November to the Missouri State Senate, 32nd District. The Neosho native also attended Crowder College. After graduating from Missouri Southern, he joined the staff of U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor and served as Mr Taylor's district staff director until the congressman retired in 1988. President George H. W. Bush appointed Mr Nodler to serve as Regional Administrator for the United States Small Business Administration in 1989, a post he held until President Bush left office. In 1991 he was appointed to serve as a member of the Rural Policy Working Group, a cabinet-level working group of the Economic Policy Council at the White House. Mr Nodler also served as the President's advisor to the Council on Rural America. In 1997 he was appointed to a shared staff position working with Sen. Kit Bond, Sen. John Ashcroft and U.S. Rep. Roy Blunt on matters relating to small business and federal procurement. Mr. Nodler retired from the federal government in August 2000 after 23 years of service. In January 2001, he was appointed to the Bush/Cheney transition advisory team.

Mr Nodler also has extensive private sector experience. As President and owner of SoMo Cable Inc., he built and operated the cable television system in Seneca. He owned and operated a consulting business that worked with Midwest Paging Systems, Lucky Strike Fishing Lures, Hookup Corp. and Leggett & Platt. He produced and hosted *The Gary Nodler Show* on KQYX in 1997 and 1998. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of First State Bank in Monett for six years and he also served as Executive Director of the Monett Chamber of Commerce for three years.

An active member of the First United Methodist Church, he has served as a president of the Methodist Men's Club, Chairman of the Administrative Board, Trustee and is now serving as the church's Lay Member of The Missouri West Annual Conference.

Mr Nodler served in the United States Army and the Missouri National Guard and is a member of the American Legion.

Mr Nodler has been married to the former Jonee Edwards of Neosho for 28 years. They have one son and one granddaughter. The Nodlers reside in Joplin.

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Blakeman, Rodney Dean	Field, Cathleen A.	Lewis, Vanessa	Ruch, Jeffery Allan
Box, Barbara Jean	Heard, Paula Jean	Parker, Kimberly Ann	Shockley, Leta
Cline, Nova D E.	Hess, Rupal D	Robertson, Nannette	Stratton, Amy Beth †
Cook, Juliana Pruitt	Huntley, Kendra Ann	Denise	Thomas, Patricia
Deardorff, Grant W	Lester, Tara Stearns		Suzanne

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Beezley, Eric Alan	Medlock, Jaime Deanne	Neuburger, Larry Mark	Roberts, Renae Ann †
Chang, Malvin	Moore, Chad Edwin	Quade, Somer Erin	Savic, Kosta

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Boey, Cheryl	Edie, Lisa Marie	Knight, Holly Marie	Phipps, Linda Diane
Deer, Autumn Heather	Hoyle, Candice Megan	Mitchell, Jeffrey Mark	Sage, Paul L.
Dunfield, Crystal Gayle	Klor, Sylvia Ann Lincoln	Morgan, Melissa Ranea	Wiele, Emily

Associate Degrees

First Honors

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Neil, Heather Christine

Second Honors

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Gregory, Donald Keith

Third Honors

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Day, Michael Earl

School of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Anger, Silvia Rebeca
Sociology
Webb City

Bard, Blake Steven
Communications
Webb City

Belitz, Erica Mary Frances
Communications
Joplin

Bone, Jodie Ann
Communications
Pineville

Box, Barbara Jean
Spanish
Joplin

Brunnert, Stacey Ann
Communications
Carthage

Burge, Fred Allen
Art
Granby

Burnett, Megan
*International
Studies/French*
Joplin

Burns, Lori Marie
Communications
Joplin

Convirs, Levi Norman
Communications
Wyandotte OK

Cook, Juliana Pruitt
English
Joplin

Davis, Reed Chandler
Communications
Joplin

Deardorff, Grant W.
Communications
Webb City

Dobrauc, Trent Michael
Political Science
Carthage

Dunn, Diana Kay
French
Branson

Erman, Kristin Anderson
History
Joplin

Fall IV, Alvin C.
Art
Jasper

Franklin, Leslie Ellen
Art
Bolivar

Frye, Deborah L.
Sociology
Joplin

Gitonga, Njari
Communications
Joplin

Glasscock, Amy Lynn
Music
Dallas, TX

Hollenberg, Amy Nicole
Theatre
Nevada

Huntley, Kendra Ann
Spanish
Lamar

Johnston, Michael Denver
Communications
Jasper

Ketchum, Scott Matthew
Political Science
Joplin

Klotz, Michael David
Communications
Nevada

Mathews, Wendie Melissa
Sociology
Joplin

Moser, Misty Leah
Political Science
Joplin

Pichler-Lewis, Vanessa
French/German
Joplin

Potts, Evangela Grace
English
Joplin

Rupp, Neal Randy
Art
Joplin

Sanchez, Liliana
Spanish
Joplin

Searcy, Andrew Paul
Communications
Blue Springs

**Singleton, Catherine
Elizabeth**
Communications
Seneca

St. John, Lora Beth
Spanish
Girard, KS

Stevenson, Katharine Ann
Theatre
Flower Mound, TX

Thomas, Patricia Suzanne
Spanish
Pierce City

Twenter, Krista Lynn
English
Webb City

Williams, Carmen Lynn
Communications
Nevada

Williams, Scott Allen
Chemistry
Webb City

Youngblood, Tracy Louise
Spanish
Diamond

Bachelor of Science

Behm, Paige Ann
Biology
Anderson

Berry, Jami Kathryn
Biology
Kansas City

Bradley, Greg Edward
Sociology
Monett

Brooks, Misty Brown
Sociology
Hume

Burkhart, Philip W.
Biology
Neosho

Campbell, Daniel Paul
Sociology
Carl Junction

Chew, Crystle Kay
Sociology
Carl Junction

Clark, Christopher Lee
Biology
Joplin

Cooke, Erin E.
Biology
Joplin

Durbin, Natasha Sheree †
Biology
Seneca

Hole, Douglas Ryan
Environmental Health
Carl Junction

Horine, Stephanie
Biology
Joplin

Kimerer, Angela Anne
Sociology
Wyandotte, OK

Krtek, Kurtis William
Biology
Joplin

Lone, Scott Edward
Biology
Joplin

McNary, Cindy Renee
Sociology
Carthage

McNaught, Michael Justin
Biology
Lamar

Moore, Chad Edwin
Biology
Lamar

Percy, Linda Marie
Sociology
Carl Junction

Presley, Carrie Ann
Biology
Neosho

Pyle-Rice, Lisa L.
Sociology
Joplin

Reavley, Brenton Allen
Biology
Lamar

Ross, Jennifer Michelle
Sociology
Silverdale, WA

Schulz, Christine Ann
Biology
Chesterfield

Simmons, Jr., Ralph W.
Biology
Neosho

Slaten-Bickford, Shannon E.
Biology
Joplin

Torrez, Ritchie Lee
Sociology
Joplin

Tweten, Sandra Jo
Sociology
Nevada

Zuber, Amanda Dawn
Sociology
Golden City

School of Business

Bachelor of Science

Baum, Dawndy Jean
Management Technology
Webb City

Bowen, Jacob Douglas
Management Technology
Joplin

Conness, Sharon K.
Management Technology
Joplin

Holliday, Jason Wesley
Management Technology
Joplin

School of Business

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Adams, Stefan William
General Business
Joplin

Armilio, Kristen Ann
Marketing
Belton

Babb, Nathaniel Franklin
Marketing
Neosho

Blair, Michael W.
General Business
Joplin

Boey, Cheryl
Marketing
Joplin

Booth, Corey Ray
Marketing
Siloam Springs, AR

Bowen, Clarissa Kaye
Management
Joplin

Bowen, Jacob Douglas
Management
Joplin

Bridges, Malissa Ann
Management/Marketing
Neosho

Brower, Darrin Chandler
Accounting
Joplin

Bryant, Chris Davis
Marketing
Webb City

Chairez, Luz Aurora
International Business
Joplin

Chang, Malvin
*Marketing/Economics
and Finance*
Singapore

Chase, Trevor Lee
Management
Carl Junction

Copeland, Sherry L.
Accounting
Neosho

Coulter, Casey L.
General Business
Joplin

Davis, Brandon Charles
Economics and Finance
Webb City

Denham, Joshua Dean
Management
Joplin

Dinger, Andrew J.
Marketing/Management
Baxter Springs, KS

Duncan, Stephen Kent
Management
Granby

Franklin, Andy Lee
International Business
Joplin

Gilmore, Keri A.
General Business
Joplin

Gooch, Troy Lee
Accounting
Webb City

**Graham, Ramona
Machel**
Accounting
Webb City

Hansen, Luke William
Management
Joplin

Hardy, Kevin T
Management
Joplin

Harnar, Tyson James
Marketing
Joplin

Johnson, Alison A.
Marketing
Overland Park, KS

Jones, Amy Rachelle
Marketing
Carl Junction

Keen, Larry G.
Management
Joplin

Lassiter, Erica Ann
General Business
Webb City

Lett II, Melton Bruce
Marketing
Goodman

Marney, Lisa Marie
Economics and Finance
Pryor, OK

Martin, Kimarie Ann
General Business
Riverton, KS

McGuire, Erin Marie
Accounting
Smithville

Messer, Whitney L.
Accounting
Joplin

Oliver White, Alice-Ann
General Business
Joplin

Osterdyk, Misty Ann
Management
Liberal

Patrick, Jared Michael
Management
Carthage

Pierce, Jonathan Martin
Economics and Finance
Owasso, OK

Platt, Jeremie A.
Economics and Finance
Butler

**Rabel, Brandon Robert
Don**
Finance and Economics
Wyandotte, OK

**Reaves, Raymond
Dewayne**
General Business
Joplin

Rector, Susan G.
General Business
Monett

Ruch, Jeffery Allan
Accounting
Aurora

Savic, Kosta
*International Business/
Management/
Marketing*

Joplin

Schlessman, Holly
Michelle

Management
Pineville

Schneickert, Charles

Daniel
Management
Joplin

Scrivner, Kade Alan

Accounting
Mt. Vernon

Shockley, Leta
Management
Washburn

Sickafoose, Tanya Lee
Management
Greenfield

Smith, Billy Jo
General Business
Carthage

Snook, Heather Elaine

Accounting
Baxter Springs, KS

St. John, Lora Beth
International Business
Girard, KS

Stratton, Amy Beth †
Management
Golden City

Streight, Serena Dionne
Accounting
Joplin

Terry, Marianne †
*Accounting/International
Business*
Fair Grove

Ulepich, Nathan Carl
Marketing
Frontenac, KS

White, Aaron Patrick
Management
Stella

White, Dana R.
Accounting
Nevada

Wofford, Sha-Sha Amen
Marketing
Joplin

Yocum, Philip Andrew
General Business
Joplin

School of Education

Bachelor of Arts

Lester, Tara Stearns

Psychology
Mt. Vernon

Rose, Sage Elizabeth

Psychology
Neosho

Zirbel, Sarah Christine

Psychology
Neosho

Bachelor of Science

Betz, Betty A.

Psychology
Neosho

Cline, Nova D. E.

Psychology
Carthage

Cummings, Andrea

Dawn
Psychology
Miami, OK

Holcomb, Jonathan Allan

Psychology
Joplin

Boley, Michelle Lee

Psychology
Cassville

Collins, Amber M.

*Health Promotion and
Wellness*
Cabool

Herren, Christine Michelle

Psychology
Bronaugh

Krogh, Derek Jason

*Health Promotion and
Wellness*
Joplin

Mitchell, Ashlynn Ann
Psychology
Carthage

Morgan, Joanne Ardell
Psychology
Joplin

Shields, Tammy Kaye
Psychology
Neosho

Wall, Dustin Calvin
*Health Promotion and
Wellness*
Quapaw, OK

Wyatt, Stephanie Lynn
Psychology
Joplin

Young, Sarah Noelle
*Health Promotion and
Wellness*
Carl Junction

Bachelor of Science in Education

Beasley, Bethni Ann
English Education
Grove, OK

Beecham, Andrea Lee
Elementary Education
Joplin

Beezley, Eric Alan
Elementary Education
Joplin

Benham, Melinda Dee
Elementary Education
Webb City

Bicknell, Karen
Spanish Education
Joplin

Blevins, Tara Michelle
Middle School Education
Mt. Vernon

Boggs, Cindy Jane
Elementary Education
Joplin

Butery, Eric J
Physical Education
St. James

Childress, Clara Michelle
Elementary Education
Aurora

Christensen, Travis D.
*Theatre/Speech
Communications
Education*
Neosho

Clark, Carol Lee
Elementary Education
Webb City

Creekmore, Robert Dale
Physical Education
Diamond

Durman, Jennifer Marie
Elementary Education
Seneca

Earp, Ashlee Brook
Elementary Education
Quapaw, OK

Edie, Lisa Marie
Elementary Education
Lebanon

**Edwards, Gregory Scott
Allen**
*Unified Science - Biology
Education*
Joplin

Field, Cathleen A.
Elementary Education
Neosho

Hess, Rupal D.
*Unified Science - Biology
Education*
Neosho

Hill, Sarah Beth
Elementary Education
Carl Junction

Hopping, Nancy Elizabeth
*Unified Science - Biology
Education*
Miami, OK

Hoyle, Candice Megan
Elementary Education
Carl Junction

Ingram, Anne Marie
Elementary Education
Seneca

Johnson, Angela K.
Social Science Education
El Dorado Springs

Klor, Sylvia Ann Lincoln
Elementary Education
Webb City

Knight, Holly Marie
Elementary Education
Monett

LaMarr-Ekhoff, Judi
Elementary Education
Carl Junction

Leachman, Michelle Kay
Elementary Education
Seligman

Lundien, Shally J.
*Unified Science - Biology
Education*
Carl Junction

McAuliff, Audrey Marie
Elementary Education
Joplin

McKnight, Jersvy Yaroslav
Spanish Education
Neosho

McVey, Monica Melissa
Elementary Education
Aurora

Medlock, Jaime Deanne
Elementary Education
Webb City

Morgan, Melissa Ranea
English Education
Nevada

Newby, Michael Dale
Physical Education
Anderson

Olsen, Eran Elliott
Elementary Education
Webb City

Parker, Kimberly Ann
Elementary Education
El Dorado Springs

Patrick, Nathan Andrew
Elementary Education
Carthage

Pendergraft, Carolee
Elementary Education
Miami, OK

Pflug, Linda L.
Elementary Education
Seneca

Phipps, Linda Diane
French Education
Carl Junction

Quade, Somer Erin
Elementary Education
Joplin

Reed, Darcy Reagan
Elementary Education
Joplin

Reed, Jeffery R.
Elementary Education
Raytown

Reynolds, Klista L.
Elementary Education
Joplin

Roberts, Donna Nicole
Elementary Education
Webb City

Roberts, Renae Ann †
Elementary Education
Joplin

Robertson, Nanette Denise
Elementary Education
Joplin

Ryan, Amanda Kathleen
Elementary Education
Carthage

Schnelle, Rachel Suzanne
Elementary Education
Carthage

Selby, Freda K.
Art Education
Cassville

Short, Linda Lee
Middle School Education
Joplin

Smith, Deanna M.
Elementary Education
Alba

Stemm, Amy Lynn
Elementary Education
Joplin

**Timbrel, Kenneth
Raymond**
Elementary Education
Joplin

Vendelin, David George
Elementary Education
Mt. Vernon

Welch, Alaina Marlene
English Education
Joplin

Wiele Emily
Elementary Education
Carl Junction

**Williams, Katherine
Marie**
Elementary Education
Miami, OK

Williamson, Ronnie Dean
Business Education
Mt. Vernon

Witt, Cherie Leann
Business Education
Liberal

Wolfe, Charles P.
Physical Education
Lamar

School of Technology

Bachelor of Science

Batesel, Jonas Sterling
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Joplin

Bowen, Jacob Douglas
*Computer Information
Science*
Joplin

Collins, Patrick Kyle
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Republic

Deer, Autumn Heather
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Carl Junction

Blakeman, Rodney Dean
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Nevada

Brown, Danielle Nicole
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Joplin

Davis, Michelle Lea
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Joplin

Doyle, Shawn Daniel
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Joplin

Botts, Libby Rose
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Mt. Vernon

Byers, Kerry Gene
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Joplin

DeCocq, Travis
*Computer Information
Science*
Galena, KS

Dunfield, Crystal Gayle
*Computer Information
Science*
Bella Vista, AR

Fitch, Amanda Sue
*Computer Information
Science*
Joplin

George, Holly Jean
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Aurora

Gibson, David Michael
*Computer Information
Science*
Joplin

Gray, Ian Andrew
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Joplin

Hart, Richard Andrew
*Management Technology
(MIMS)*
Joplin

Heard, Paula Jean
*Computer Information
Science*
Nevada

Hilton, Crystal Darlene
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Aurora

Ingle, Jason Scott
*Computer Information
Science*
Joplin

**Johnson, Sr. Charles
Edward**
*Computer Information
Science*
Joplin

Johnson, Christopher S.
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Stockton

Johnson, Danny A.
*Management Technology
(MIMS)*
Joplin

Le, Anton Dat
*Computer Information
Science*
Carthage

McInturff, Laban Elton
*Computer Information
Science*
Purdy

McInturff, Nathan Lowell
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Purdy

Meile, Priscilla Ann
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Nevada

Mitchell, Jeffrey Mark
*Management Technology
(MIMS)*
Carthage

Monholland, Jaron Kijika
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Kissee Mills

Moore, Julie Suzanne
*Computer Information
Science*
Joplin

Neuburger, Larry Mark
*Management Technology
(MIMS)*
Sheldon

Osterdyk, Troy Lynn
*Computer Information
Science*
Liberal

Page, Rhonda F.
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Seneca

Peck, Malynda Suzette
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Diamond

Powell, Monte Selvan
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Neosho

Poyner, Vanessa Lee
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Fort Scott, KS

Price, Mindy L.
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Joplin

Pryor, John David
*Management Technology
(MIMS)*
Carl Junction

Pyle, Bryan David
*Computer Information
Science*
Joplin

Sage, Paul
*Computer Information
Science*
Joplin

**Shumpert, Terrence
Lamont**
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Paducah, KY

Smith, Leigh Shane
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Carl Junction

Smith, Tracy
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Lee's Summit

Sousley, Angela Dawn
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Springfield

Tucker, Joshua Dean
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Joplin

Walker, Matthew C. R.
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Joplin

Ward, Holly Lee
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Waynesville

Waugh, Bridget Kay
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Coffeyville, KS

Webb, Jocelyn Ann
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Joplin

Williams, Michael Lee
*Computer Information
Science*
Joplin

Williams, Timothy J.
*Criminal Justice
Administration*
Anderson

Winter, Jared M.
*Computer Information
Science*
Aurora

Bachelor of General Studies

Carr, Jeffrey Scott
General Studies
Joplin

Carter, Jessica Allyson
General Studies
Joplin

Dominguez, Carol
General Studies
Carthage

Galbraith, John Chadwell
General Studies
Joplin

Hennen, Doug
General Studies
Duenweg

Perales, Juan Gabriel
General Studies
Webb City

Ratcliff, Megan Delia
General Studies
Lamar

Stephens, Doug
General Studies
Joplin

Turner, Erin Nicole
General Studies
Joplin

Walker, Teresa Ann
General Studies
Carthage

Associate of Arts

Biard, Tina Marie
General Studies
Oklahoma City, OK

Boswell, Valerie
General Studies
Sarcoxie

Carr, Autumn Marie
General Studies
Joplin

Day, Michael Earl
General Studies
Joplin

Hart, Ginger Marie
General Studies
Lamar

Mackey, Amber Nicole
General Studies
Joplin

Martin, Benjamin Allen
General Studies
Joplin

Minor, Colbee N.
General Studies
Joplin

Smith, Arnold L.
General Studies
Joplin

Associate of Science

Anderson, Rebekah Lynn
Respiratory Therapy
Webb City

**Angelopoulos, Jr., Louis
Anthony**
*Computer Information
Science*
Joplin

Batesel, Jonas Sterling
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Bowen, Jacob Douglas
*Computer Information
Science*
Joplin

Brown, Danielle Nicole
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Byrd, Brian A.
Respiratory Therapy
Carthage

Cary, Dacy Rene
Respiratory Therapy
Webb City

Clark, Kasey Lynn
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Coale, Gabriel Wayne
*Computer Aided Drafting
and Design*
Joplin

Colby, Jennifer Lee
General Business
Lunenburg, VT

Collins, Patrick Kyle
Law Enforcement
Republic

Davis, Michelle Lea
Law Enforcement
Joplin

DeCocq, Travis
*Computer Information
Science*
Galena, KS

Doyle, Shawn Daniel
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Drake, Stanly Richard
*Computer Aided Graphic
Design*
Joplin

Dunfield, Crystal Gayle
*Computer Information
Science*
Bella Vista, AR

Dye, Valerie
Respiratory Therapy
Albany

Earp, Lisa L.
Respiratory Therapy
Jay, OK

Fitch, Amanda Sue
*Computer Information
Science*
Joplin

Fore, Jennifer Jill
Respiratory Therapy
Webb City

George, Holly Jean
Law Enforcement
Aurora

Gray, Ian Andrew
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Gregory, Donald Keith
*Computer Information
Science*
Diamond

Groseclos, Michael David
*Computer Information
Science*
Joplin

Hall, Gerod N.
*Computer Information
Science*
Seneca

Hanke, Rachelle
Respiratory Therapy
Carthage

Harless, Stephen C.
General Business
Joplin

Hart, Richard Andrew
*Computer Assisted
Manufacturing
Technology*
Joplin

Heard, Paula Jean
*Computer Information
Science*
Nevada

Hobbs, Aimee d.
Respiratory Therapy
Anderson

Ingle, Jason Scott
*Computer Information
Science*
Joplin

**Johnson, Sr., Charles
Edward**
*Computer Information
Science*
Joplin

Kirk, Tiffany Marie
Respiratory Therapy
Scammon, KS

Kisling, Lindia Dian
Respiratory Therapy
Carthage

Le, Anton Dat
*Computer Information
Science*
Carthage

Malmberg, John I.
*Computer Aided Drafting
and Design*
Joplin

Marshall, Jason Michael
Respiratory Therapy
Bolivar

Meile, Priscilla Ann
Law Enforcement
Nevada

Monholland, Jaron Kijika
Law Enforcement
Kissee Mills

Neil, Heather Christine
Respiratory Therapy
Carthage

Neuburger, Larry Mark
*Computer Assisted
Manufacturing
Technology*
Sheldon

Nguyen, Lee Vu
*Computer Assisted
Manufacturing
Technology*
Joplin

Osterdyk, Troy Lynn
*Computer Information
Science*
Liberal

Page, Rhonda F
Law Enforcement
Seneca

Parrish, Mary Madeline
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Peck, Malynda Suzette
Law Enforcement
Diamond

Powell, Monte Selvan
Law Enforcement
Neosho

Pyle, Bryan David
*Computer Information
Science*
Joplin

Redfern, Courtney Alean
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Reeve, Daniel J.
*Computer Information
Science*
Joplin

Sage, Paul
*Computer Information
Science*
Joplin

Sousley, Angela Dawn
Law Enforcement
Springfield

Sparks, Bobby Ray
*Computer Aided Drafting
and Design*
Joplin

Stearnes, Sarah Ann
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Stearnes, Sarah Ann
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Stephen, Kimberly Ann
Respiratory Therapy
Lockwood

Stevens III, James Albert
General Business
Joplin

Tate, Justin Camden
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Terry, Austin William
Computer Aided Drafting
and Design
Jasper

Tucker, Kris
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Tyurikov, Ilya A.
Computer Information
Science
Joplin

Vasquez, Cheryl Lynn
Accounting
Carthage

Wade, Derek Ross
Computer Information
Science
Columbus, KS

Walker, Matthew C. R.
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Ward, Holly Lee
Law Enforcement
Waynesville

Watson, Mark Llen
Computer Information
Science
Rich Hill

Waugh, Bridget Kay
Law Enforcement
Coffeyville, KS

Webb, Jocelyn Ann
Accounting
Joplin

Williams, Michael Lee
Computer Information
Science
Joplin

Winter, Jared M.
Computer Information
Science
Aurora

Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.